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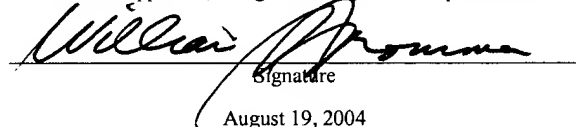
Applicants : Yoshihito Fujiwara et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, wherein restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-12 and 19-21, directed to the feature of transmitting content to terminals on the basis of expected values of responses; and

Group II claims 13-18, directed to the feature of acquiring a fee for transmitting content.

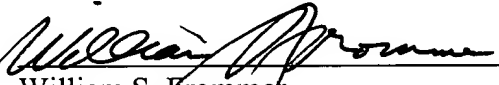
Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-12 and 19-21 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present nonelected claims 13-18.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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